

**IN RECOGNITION of "INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY"**

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS), chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), multiple chemical sensitivities (MCS), and Gulf War Syndrome (GWS) are conditions that need to be made aware of; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are characterized by overwhelming fatigue, severe muscle pain, concentration problems, sleep disorders, headaches, and other persistent symptoms; and

WHEREAS, in order to shed light on this growing health threat, May 12th has been designated as International Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, individuals battling to survive these illnesses and the people who care about them are urged voice their concerns on May 12th as well as the two weeks preceding it; and

WHEREAS, the Fibromyalgia Network; RESCIND (Repeal Existing Stereotypes about Chronic Immunological and Neurological Diseases), the originators of the May 12th Awareness Day concept, and other organizations in their efforts to vocalize concerns about inadequate treatments and lack of research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of Augusta, Georgia do hereby proclaim May 12th, 2002 as "INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY" throughout Augusta and encourage all citizens to observe this day and to increase awareness and understanding of such health conditions.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2002.